

## 700 MILES OFF THE VIRGINIA CAPES

Wireless Signals Near Approach of United States Armada to Home Port

## BATTLESHIP FLEET DUE SATURDAY

Norfolk Preparing an Elaborate Welcome—Bunting Everywhere Displayed—Many Entertainments Planned—Fleet will Pass in Virginia Capes at 10 A. M. Tomorrow—Seaman Lost Overboard Yesterday from the New Hampshire.

Old Point Comfort, Va., Feb. 18.—The near approach of the battleship fleet and its escort—for it was signalled tonight by wireless as less than 700 miles off the Virginia capes—is expected in the great crowds of visitors pouring into the hotels here. Many private houses in Phoenix and Hampton are to be thrown open to accommodate the overflow.

## Fleet Due Saturday Morning.

The fleet will pass in the capes about 10 a. m.

## Entertainment Planned.

The dinner to be given by the Navy League at the Chamberlin on Monday evening will be the first of the social functions in connection with the fleet's arrival. While the banquet is in progress a ball for the junior officers will be given at the Chamberlin.

Many other entertainments are being planned for the fleet's stay. A majority of the members of both branches of the Navy League are expected to witness the arrival and review of the fleet.

## Norfolk Preparing Elaborate Welcome.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 18.—Norfolk is preparing an elaborate welcome for the returning battleship fleet. Bunting is displayed everywhere and strings of electric lights festoon the principal downtown streets. The city is rapidly filling up with visitors and the hotels are already overrun with applications for accommodations during "fleet week."

Norfolk is the home station of practically half the battleships in the fleet, and even after the departure from Hampton Roads begins the entertainments planned for the officers and enlisted men will continue.

A special steamer has been chartered by the entertainment committee to give free transportation to the men between Norfolk and Old Point Comfort so long as the fleet remains in the roadstead.

Interest in the home coming of the fleet is unprecedented.

## GLADYS CURTIS, CHORUS GIRL, UNCONSCIOUS IN CELLAR

Told Story of Mistreatment by Party of Young Men.

New York, Feb. 18.—A young woman, who described herself as Gladys Curtis, a chorus girl, was found in a comatose condition in the cellar of the building at No. 129 Washington street, in the Syrian quarter, but practically within a stone's throw of the financial district. She was taken to the Hudson street hospital, where, after she had been partially restored, she told a story of horrible mistreatment by a group of young men.

The young woman said she was on her way to the station to go home when she was seized by the men and dragged into the cellar. Three arrests have been made in connection with the case.

## SCHOOL GIRL DYING, SHOT BY HER LOVER.

Shooter Told Police That the Girl Refused to Marry Him.

Scranton, Pa., Feb. 18.—Veronica Murphy, a 17-year-old school girl of South Scranton, is dying at the state hospital of bullet wounds inflicted tonight by John Cavley, aged 20 years, who had been keeping company with her. Cavley said the authorities had killed "his girl" because she would not marry him. At the hospital the girl said Cavley was responsible for her condition and that she had not refused to marry him. Cavley was at the Lackawanna railroad station.

## SHOT TO DEATH FROM AMBUSH

Body of Italian Found in Woods Near Englewood, N. J.

New York, Feb. 18.—The body of a middle-aged man not prosperous appearance and apparently of an Italian, was found in the woods near Englewood, N. J., today. There were nine bullet wounds in it, and the police said that the man was probably lured to the scene and riddled with bullets by several men lying in ambush. The motive for the murder is in doubt. The man's pockets were rifled, but the evidence fact that several men took part led the police to believe it was a black hand crime.

## NEGRO IN MOB'S HANDS.

Assaulted and Murdered Virginia 14 Year Old Girl.

Eagle Mountain, Va., Feb. 18.—An unknown negro assaulted Miss Dobbs, aged 14, this afternoon at Glen Wilton. After assaulting her the negro cut her throat and she died in a few minutes. He has been captured and a mob has started with him in the direction of Clifton Forge.

## Candidate Chafin Opens Prohibition Campaign.

Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 18.—In city hall tonight, Eugene Chafin, who was the party's candidate for the presidency at the last election, opened a campaign that he will conduct for the prohibition party in the east during the next few weeks. He spoke on "Government by Parties." At the completion of the lecture Mr. Chafin was tendered a complimentary banquet at the Kingsbury, a temperance hotel, and his toast was "Wise or Otherwise," in which he depicted funny incidents of the campaign.

## Gongo Rebels Kill and Eat French Officials.

Brussels, Feb. 18.—A special despatch from Leopoldville, a mission station and settlement of the Congo Independent State, says that three French officials have been killed and eaten by rebels.

## Fall Dead in Brother's Arms.

New York, Feb. 18.—Sigmund Gradenheimer, treasurer of the firm of Schwarzschild & Gradenheimer, and well known in the beef trade, fell dead in the arms of his brother tonight while walking near the Grand Central station. Heart disease was the cause.

## Cabled Paragraphs.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—A despatch received here from Teheran says the guard before the Russian legation has been increased and that disorders are expected.

Granada, Spain, Feb. 18.—There was an outbreak of rioting here today over the question of the collection of duties on foodstuffs into the city, in which two persons were killed and five wounded.

London, Feb. 18.—Dr. Heinrich Lamme, an eminent Austrian jurist and professor in the University of Vienna, has been proposed as umpire of the arbitration court to which it is intended to submit the Newfoundland fisheries questions.

Santiago, Chile, Feb. 18.—Eld Hloki, the recently appointed Japanese minister to Chile, arrived here today. Japan has never been represented diplomatically at Santiago, and the sending of M. Hloki is an evidence of the interest Japan is taking in the Pacific coast of South America.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18.—The body of Grand Duke Vladimir Alexandrovich, eldest uncle of Emperor Nicholas, who died in this city yesterday, is lying in state today in the great hall of the Imperial palace. The funeral will take place Feb. 21 in the new mausoleum beside Grand Duke Alexis.

Paris, France, Feb. 18.—Wilbur Wright, the American aviator, of Dayton, O., made two successful flights here today, one with M. Lambert and the other with M. Tissandier, his pupil. M. Tissandier conducted personally on his flight and gave evidence to his complete mastery of the machine.

## RACE WITH DEATH, DR. JACKSON WINS.

2,500 Miles of Railroad in 64 Hours to Sick Wife's Bedside.

Burlington, Vt., Feb. 18.—A race with death across the United States from El Paso, Tex., to Burlington was finished here today when Dr. H. Nelson Jackson arrived at his wife's bedside after a sixty-four hour trip over more than 2,500 miles of rail. The run from Chicago to this city was made in a special train, the distance of nearly 1,000 miles being covered in twenty-one hours.

Dr. Jackson had been traveling in Mexico and had reached El Paso when he was notified of the sudden and violent illness of his wife. He found her still living, but he reached here, but her life is despaired of.

## MISS GINGLES' SENSATION.

She Arranged to Have Herself Bound and Gagged in Bathroom.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—No theatrical producer ever set a stage with greater care than Miss Ella Gingles arranged for the sensation created when, unconscious, bound and gagged, she was found in a bathroom at the Wallington hotel yesterday. This is the opinion of Chief of Detectives O'Brien, who declared today the "spot" thing was a "hoax." He said he had been assured by the physicians who attended the young laundress that there had been no assault, although she may have had assistance in tying herself to the bathtub. Even the blood in the tub and in the wash basin, it is now asserted, was composed largely of port wine and water.

Miss Gingles was reported at the hotel as "little the worse for her experience."

## TRIED TO BREAK DEADLOCK.

Hopkins Man Went Over to Shurtliff in Illinois Senatorial Contest.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 18.—Representative Flannigan, one of the southern Illinois legislators, switched from United States Senator Hopkins to Shurtliff on the thirty-fourth joint ballot of the legislature today and announced that his duty was to break the senatorial deadlock. Great applause greeted his words.

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VOLUNTEERS FOR DANGEROUS DUTY ARRESTED.

## WOMEN ROUGHLY HANDED

Refused to Pay Their Fines in London

Police Court and Were Escorted to Prison for Short Terms.

London, Feb. 18.—Twice today the suffragettes, representing the Women's Freedom League, met in Downing street, where squads of police, mounted and on foot, had been drawn up, and the clash resulted in the rough handling of many women and the arrest of twenty-four of them.

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Sixty or more "volunteers for dangerous duty" came into conflict with the police this morning. Downing street, where squads of police, mounted and on foot, had been drawn up, and the clash resulted in the rough handling of many women and the arrest of twenty-four of them.

## Women Refused to Budge.

Again tonight, when the session of parliament was under way, a contingent, led by Mrs. Despard, attempted to gain access to the premier, but the police barred the way. The women refused to budge, insisting upon their right to enter the building, although no serious disturbance occurred. Finally Mrs. Despard and several of the others were placed under arrest. Together with sixteen other women who had been arrested at the Bow street police court late in the afternoon Mrs. Despard and her companions at arms will be arraigned tomorrow.

## Sent to Prison.

Eight women were fined today, but they refused to pay the fines and were sent to prison for terms ranging from two weeks to a month.

## Breezy Speech by Miss Mathers.

Miss Muriel Mathers, the woman who, Tuesday, went up in the air in a balloon in an effort to throw down challenges while the king was opening parliament, made a breezy speech in which she declared that the government need not be afraid of bombs as some "idiotic" politicians had suggested.

"The women do not intend to make martyrs of the members of the cabinet," Miss Mathers said, "we simply are going to make them look like a set of driving idiots."

## POSTOFFICE BILL PASSED

By Senate After Stormy Debate—Two Angry Senators.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The postoffice bill, carrying appropriations of over \$22,000,000, was passed by the senate today after a stormy debate, during which Senator Penrose, in charge of the measure, made an angry attack upon Senator La Follette, who had entered upon a general criticism of senatorial procedure by denouncing the bill as a "hoax." The bill was passed by a vote of 65 to 25.

Responding in angry tones, Mr. Penrose charged the senator from Wisconsin with having failed to attend meetings of committees of which he was a member, finally declaring that his criticism sounded more like the ranting of a madman than the sober utterances of a statesman.

Mr. La Follette chided the senate for permitting a "glorious" debate during the last days of congress, and suggested that it would be no calamity if all of these bills were not acted upon in the next session. The bill was then referred to the committee on postoffice and communications.

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## Condensed Telegrams

C. W. Morse Left the Tomb under guard and spent an hour and a half in Wall street.

Grand Duke Vladimir Alexandrovitch, uncle of the emperor, died suddenly in St. Petersburg.

The Ways and Means Committee, it is said, will recommend a reduction of the duties on No. 2 wool.

The Women's Freedom League met in London and decided to continue the militant campaign for suffrage.

The Outstanding Stockholders of the American Lee company objected to the proposed stock and bond issue.

Austrians in Russia Believe that an ultimatum will soon be sent to Serbia regarding her military preparations.

The Transport Kilpatrick Sailed for the Philippines with 150 artillerymen, 150 passengers and a cargo of army stores.

High School and "Prep" Fraternity men started a united defense against the attacks of educators all over the country.

King Alfonso Has Accepted the Argentine-German proposal that he should arbitrate the dispute regarding the Walvisch Bay boundaries.

Senator Guinan, the Venezuelan foreign minister, said that all questions with France and Holland were advancing toward settlement.

It Was Admitted by a Tonkers school principal that he grappled with Philip Brooks Underhill, whose death from mastoiditis is being investigated.

It Was Rumored in the House of commons that the chancellor of the exchequer might impose a tax on sugar to meet the cost of the new warships.

The Crew of the British Steamer Osceola, which arrived in Greenport, N. Y., said that they had been starved and abused.

It Was Said That the Persons Indicted in connection with the Panama canal purchase charges would fight extradition to Washington.

The Grand Jury Returned Three indictments against Joseph A. Shay, the Haines trial lawyer, arrested for trying to aid a prisoner to escape from the Tombs.

Temporary Receivers Were Appointed for the assets of the Washington Life Insurance company by Justice Erlanger on the application of William Hepburn Russell.

The House Passed a Joint Resolution directing the secretary of state to invite Great Britain and France to participate in the tercentenary celebration of the discovery of Lake Champlain.

The Senate at Albany Confirmed unanimously the nominations of Robert Earl of Herkimer and William H. Hotchkiss of Buffalo to be democratic members of the new state highway commission and superintendent of insurance, respectively.

## FATAL SCUFFLE

BETWEEN TWO SCHOOL BOYS

Fourteen Year Old Accidentally Received Stomach Blow.

Watertown, Mass., Feb. 18.—A scuffle between two school boys caused the death of one of them, Frank Crossland, 14, this afternoon, in front of the Marshall Spring grammar school on Vawter avenue. The other boy, John Scanlon, 13, was arrested shortly afterward, but was allowed to go home for the night. It is expected that an autopsy will be held and upon its outcome will depend the possible action to be taken against young Scanlon. The school had just closed for the day and the yard was filled with children. The two boys started what was apparently a friendly scuffle. The Scanlon boy struck young Crossland in the stomach. It is alleged, and Crossland fell to the ground, dying a few moments later. It was said tonight that the Crossland boy had been subject to heart weakness. He was the son of George Crossland, while the Scanlon boy's father is Michael Scanlon.

## LAX CONDITIONS PREVAIL

IN CONNECTICUT ARMORIES

Hearing Before the Committee on Military Affairs.

Hartford, Feb. 18.—The lax conditions which prevail regarding state property at some of the armories about the state was brought out this afternoon at the hearing before the committee on military affairs on bills providing for state armories at Willimantic, Torrington, Rockville and Middletown. It was stated by some of those who appeared at the hearing that the condition of the armories is kept in quarters in those towns and that the state property is insecurely protected and that the quarters have not been kept in good repair. Apparently, the conditions in Rockville are exceptionally bad.

## PROBABLY TOTAL WRECK

English Bark in Blinding Snow Storm Strikes on Cape Race.

St. John's, N. F., Feb. 18.—The Prince Edward's Island bark Lavinia, bound from Pernambuco, Brazil, for St. John's, in ballast, struck on Cape Race tonight in the midst of a blinding snow storm. The crew escaped. The bark lay in such a position after driving on shore that she was exposed to the full force of the heavy seas and will probably be a total wreck. Captain Wilson and the crew of the Lavinia were all shipped from New Newfoundland. The bark is of 340 tons and was built at Prince Edward's Island in 1873.

## IDENTITY ESTABLISHED.

Theatrical Man Lost from Steamer Was George A. Johnson.

Providence, Feb. 18.—The identity of the theatrical man who was lost from the steamer Monus Feb. 13 between New Orleans and New York was established today by Doorkeeper William Wathly, Jr., of the state senate, when he told the New York authorities over the telephone that the man was his friend, George A. Johnson, of Boston. The man left a letter in his stateroom addressed to Wathly. Johnson was 32 years old and has a father and two brothers living in Boston.

## Only Twenty Will Have to Resign.

Annapolis, Feb. 18.—Only twenty of the ninety-six midshipmen recently found deficient in the semi-annual examinations will have to resign, according to the list given out at the academy today.

## Steamship Arrivals.

At London, Feb. 18: Massachusetts, from New York.

At Southampton, Feb. 18: Majestic, from New York via Plymouth and Cherbourg.

## Geronimo Died In the Old Faith

HIS RELIGION KNEW NO WHITE MAN'S GOD.

## AGED INDIAN CHIEF BURIED

Holiday for the Apache Indian Prisoners at Fort Sill—Two Hundred Warriors in Funeral Procession.

Lawton, Okla., Feb. 18.—Geronimo, the aged Indian chief, who died at Fort Sill yesterday, was buried today in the Apache burying ground, northeast of the army post. The Rev. L. T. Legters, the Indian missionary, conducted the services, which were as similar to the Apache method of burial as the clergyman thought proper. War department officials had set aside today as a holiday for the Apache prisoners at Fort Sill, and the two hundred warriors joined in the procession that carried the body of their old leader to the grave.

## Favorite Horse Not Despatched to the Happy Hunting Grounds.

It was only by great effort that Geronimo's widow was kept yesterday from killing the old warrior's sorrel horse, his favorite, so that it might pass on with him to the happy hunting grounds.

## Geronimo a Blackslider.

Geronimo died in the old faith, the religion of his forefathers, which knew no white man's God. The sun was his conception of the Deity. Four years ago, when Geronimo feared that the injuries received in a fall from his horse would prove fatal, he joined the Reformed church. He was suspended from the church two years later because of excessive drinking, gambling and other infractions of the church rules.

## His Successor.

Asa Dudgeon, who has been acting chief of the Apaches in their dealings with the government, will likely succeed Geronimo. Dudgeon is the last of the hereditary chiefs of the Christian branch of the Apaches, to which Geronimo belonged.

## PITTSBURG BRIBERY CASES.

Former Bank President Ramsey Found Guilty—Appeal Preparations.

Pittsburg, Feb. 18.—W. W. Ramsey, former bank president, convicted of bribery, was the first witness today in the trial of Councilman John B. Klein, who is accused of soliciting and accepting \$17,500 from the bank of Ramsey was president, upon a promise to have the bank made a city depository. Hardly had the sealed verdict returned last night been read in court when Ramsey's attorney, J. H. Black, got up and said that he would appeal. Ramsey's trial was started with Ramsey as first witness. He testified to having arranged with Klein for the payment of the money and to directing his cashier, A. Vilasack, to get the money. He said it was placed on a table in the room with Klein, and that when he and Vilasack returned, after being out both Klein and the money were gone. It is reported that when Klein was put on the witness stand he will tell everything, and will include the name of some one "higher up" who will be implicated in the bribery matter. The maximum sentence in Ramsey's case is fourteen years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$22,500. His attorney is preparing to appeal the case.

## MR. TAFT A MASTER MASON.

Thirty-Five Minute Impressive Ceremony in a Cincinnati Lodge.

Cincinnati, Feb. 18.—William H. Taft, president-elect of the United States, is a Master Mason. The impressive ceremony which brought him his distinction today was held at the Masonic temple, "the most worshipful grand master of the Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the state of Ohio."

The highest Masonic authorities of seventeen states witnessed Mr. Taft's admission into the order, as did a body representing prominent citizens of Cincinnati and the members of Kilwinning lodge, of which Alfonso Taft, father of the president-elect, was a member, and into which Charles P. Taft was inducted under the auspices of his father.

Scottish Rite cathedral was the scene of the ceremonies. Its main floor and gallery were crowded when the distinguished candidate arrived. The procedure, which ended in the declaration course, Taft was a Mason, occupied 35 minutes.

## MAURETANIA BETS NEW RECORD.

Four Days, Seventeen Hours, Fifty Minutes, 2,890 Miles.

New York, Feb. 18.—The turbine flyer Mauretania of the Cunard line came ahead of the Ambrose channel lightship at 10:35 o'clock tonight, thus completing a voyage in which several new records were established. The steamer not only broke her own record over the long course of 2,890 miles by two hours and twenty-five minutes, but she brought down the figures held by her sister ship, the Lusitania, and had set the new record of four days, seventeen hours and fifty minutes, which is one hour and forty-six minutes better than the Lusitania's best time over the course. Another achievement of the voyage was a day's run of 671 knots, which breaks all records for a twenty-four hour run.

## ATE POISONED SAUSAGE.

Three Persons Dead, Five Seriously Ill at Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 18.—Three persons are dead and five others are seriously ill as a result of eating sausage supposed to have been poisoned. The dead: Mrs. Mary Priora, Mrs. Mary Cassini, Miss Mamie Cassini. Seriously ill: Joseph Priora, Joseph Cassini, three members of the Novars family. Several days ago Mrs. Cassini gave sausage to the Priora family and the family of another relative named Novars and practically all were taken ill. The sausage is being examined by chemists.

## LAMP FELL FROM SHELF.

Jewett City Woman Severely Burned—Removed to Hospital.

Jewett City, Conn., Feb. 18.—A lamp falling from the shelf on which it had been placed set fire to the clothing of Mrs. Felix Guillett at her home, on North Main street, today, and before the flames could be extinguished she was so severely burned that her recovery is doubtful. After being treated by local physicians Mrs. Guillett was removed to a hospital in Norwich. Mrs. Guillett is about 40 years old and has a family of eleven children.